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AMEMBASSY MANILA

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 211

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VS

SUBJECT: PRESS QUERIES ON UPI ENTERPRISE STORY

1. A SMALL FLAP HAS ARISEN AMONG THE PRESS AND TV CORRESPONDENTS IN SAIGON WHO ARE RECEIVING ROCKETS FROM THEIR STATESIDE EDITORS ABOUT A UPI ITEM DATED SAIGON. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT SEEN IT, WE UNDERSTAND IT SAYS THAT ACCORDING TO "AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" IN SAIGON ELEVEN SHIP NAVY TASK FORCE STEAMED TOWARD VIETNAMESE WATERS AS BATTLEFIELD SITUATION DETERIORATES. IT GOES ON TO SAY THE SHIPS ARE TO BE ON STATION 2400 GMT AND ALLEGEDLY ADDS THAT ITS EVENTUAL DESTINATION IS THE GULF OF THAILAND. THE CAPTAIN HAS SEALED ORDERS WHICH HE WILL OPEN WHEN HE ARRIVES. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, WE HAVE SAID THAT WE BELIEVE THE STORY IS A COMPLETE FABRICATION.

2. WHAT MAY HAVE HAPPENED IS THAT THE UPI BUREAU IN MANILA HAS ASCERTAINED THE DEPARTURE OF THE ENTERPRISE AND NOT WISHING TO SURFACE THE STORY IN MANILA HAD GIVEN THE STORY TO THE UPI BUREAU CHIEF IN SAIGON TO FILE UNDER A SAIGON DATELINE.

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3. NEEDLESS TO SAY, NO SUCH INFORMATION HAS EMANATED FROM ANY  
U S DIPLOMATIC SOURCE IN SAIGON.  
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